



# St. Matthews Living

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## SRO officer views student safety as top priority

As the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Waggener High School, Troy Armstrong believes his main mission is to help students trust that the police are concerned for their safety.

"I view the school as a microcosm of the community," said Officer Armstrong. "There are many students who do not trust the police. If I build relationships with them, it becomes possible for them to see that the police can be called upon to help when they need it."

Officer Armstrong was appointed as the Waggener SRO in 2014 after seven years with the Shepherdsville Police Department and two years with the St. Matthews Police Department. The SRO program in Kentucky was the brain child of retired St. Matthews Police Chief Norman Mayer.

For Officer Armstrong, building relationships means going to football games and other school activities during his off hours, greeting students in the halls, and, lately, riding a hover board.

"A young lady who is a senior asked me why I was riding a hover board," said Officer Armstrong. "I told her that I'd been at the school

for three years and this was the first time I remembered her speaking to me. That's why I'm riding a hover board."

Part of keeping the school safe can mean disciplining students. "I am a law enforcement officer, and I will enforce the law," he said. But



*School Resource Officer Troy Armstrong ensures the safety of Waggener High School.*

not every confrontation ends in a citation. "It's important to try to change the student's behavior by giving that person a second chance. This may be the first time someone has trusted them."

Students make their way to Officer Armstrong's office on their own volition, through referrals from

the counseling office, or at the behest of concerned parents. No matter how they get there, he makes sure the atmosphere is a safe one, where they can speak freely. "Cursing is not a taboo—I realize that they are not cursing at me, but the situation," he said. "If they begin screaming, I do not speak to them until they stop because it's hard to have an argument with yourself."

Officer Armstrong keeps a stuffed pig in his office on top of the safe used to secure confiscated contraband. "I've heard students refer to the police as 'pigs,' and I want them to know that I don't take myself too seriously," he said. "I take away their ability to offend me and that allows them to relax."

"Most people don't know what these kids go through. Many of them get up at 5 a.m. to make the bus and get to school on time. Last summer, one of our football players was shot and killed. Other students have been pulled aside during the school day to talk to Metro Homicide because they were witnesses to a murder. These students need to know that I understand and am here to keep them safe."

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## A Message From...

### **Deadline for property tax discount is October 31**

You'll have extra money in your pocket this fall if you pay your taxes early. Residents who pay by the deadline of October 31, 2017, will receive a 45% discount—an increase from 44% last year. The tax rate remains the same at \$.20 per \$100 of assessed value. Property owners should remind their mortgage companies of the deadline so they don't miss the discount.

One way to use that extra money is to shop local businesses in St. Matthews for the holiday season. Shopping in your own backyard allows you to find great gifts while saving

gas and getting to know your neighbors.

And while you're getting to know your local shop owners, why not reach out to your St. Matthews' mayor and City Council? They are always ready to hear your concerns or to learn your views on issues. Use the Call St. Matthews system at 638-4STM (638-4786), then press 1 for City Administration. For email, go to [www.stmatthewsky.gov](http://www.stmatthewsky.gov) and click on "Contact Us" under Communications. Let us hear from you!

### **City accepts more roads**

The City Council voted this summer to accept Stonehenge

Drive from Shelbyville Road to the Stonehenge Condominium complex, as well as the road nearby known as Blenheim Court. Both streets have recently been paved.

### **Library expansion update**

The construction management consultant for the expansion of the St. Matthews-Eline Library and improvements to City Hall, Sullivan & Cozart, Inc., has provided a gross maximum price for the entire project of \$9,950,000. The City has issued a request for proposals, and construction is expected to begin in October.

## **Hometown History**

### **1940**

*The photo at right is part of the online Digital Collections in the Archives and Special Collections at the University of Louisville. Turn to page 11 to solve this issue's Hometown History mystery.*



### **Louisville Gas & Electric**

**502-589-1444**

Fast path options are: 1-1-1 (gas) and 1-1-2 (electric).

### **Emergency Contact Numbers**

### **Louisville Water Company**

**502-583-6610**

To report emergencies like water main breaks or broken fire hydrants.

# Easy Being Green



## Green tips for weathering the winter

- Use non-toxic deicing substances such as clean clay, cat litter, sand, or ash to prevent hazardous waste from chemicals that can be harmful to your pets, trees and shrubs, and pollute surface water and groundwater through the soil.
- Winterize your vehicle by checking your air filter and fluid levels, your tires for tread wear and proper inflation, and the condition of your windshield wipers. Ensuring your vehicle is ready for weather changes will reduce damage, which prevents waste from broken parts, and keeps you safer on the road.
- Save your ashes—if you have a wood-burning fireplace—and mix them into your compost heap to provide nutrients to your garden.

- Use electric snow removal products rather than gasoline-powered ones to cut down on greenhouse gases. As alternatives, use snow shovels, ice crackers, and brooms to clear snow.
- Install a programmable thermostat—if you have a manual thermostat or no thermostat—to save energy and money this winter. When installed and used with four preprogrammed temperature settings for weekend and weekdays, you can save money each year while staying comfortable. Before leaving for vacation, turn down your thermostat (or use a programmable one) so that you don't waste natural resources by



- generating unneeded heat. You can also buy outdoor and indoor lights with timers so your lights don't stay on all night.
- Recycle old newspapers by making rolled paper logs for your fireplace. Roll newspaper sheets on a broomstick until your log is the desired size. Then soak your log thoroughly in water. Dry the log overnight and use it like ordinary wood.
  - Contact your HVAC contractor to perform a routine check on your heating system before freezing weather drives up your energy bill.
  - Replace old heating equipment with a more energy-efficient unit. It will save energy and money in the long run.
- This information was found at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov). Visit their website for more great tips to "go green" this winter!



**Recycling is collected every other week on the same day as trash on weeks highlighted in red. Holidays are marked in blue and will delay recycling and trash one day.**

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## Police Beat

### St. Matthews holds first "National Night Out"

The St. Matthews Police, Fire, and Works Departments, City officials, and the Fraternal Order of Police partnered with area businesses and many volunteers to organize St. Matthews' first "National Night Out" on August 1.



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August.

According to St. Matthews Acting Chief of Police David Beyer, the City's first effort was "a huge success" with "a great turnout of people from the community, our law enforcement partners, City officials, officers, and their families."

Give-aways for the event included bike helmets, Chick-Fil-A coupons, and kids' games and toys. A drawing was held to give away two children's bicycles donated by Toys-R-Us. Other local donors included Mission BBQ, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and Kroger.

The City's newest patrol vehicles, SRT Response Vehicle, and other St. Matthews Fire and EMS vehicles were on display for the event.



"It was an awesome team effort that resulted in much positive feedback from the community both at the event, as well as on social media following the event," concluded Acting Chief Beyer.

### SMPD offers CrimeMapping.com

The St. Matthews Police Department (SMPD) is utilizing technology to let citizens view information about crimes that

occur in the City via a website—CrimeMapping.com.

This website provides the public with valuable information about recent crime activity in their neighborhoods. The goal is to reduce crime through citizen awareness. The website is user-friendly and shows crimes for 180 days.

To access the information from any computer: 1) log on to [www.CrimeMapping.com](http://www.CrimeMapping.com); 2) select a state: Kentucky; and 3) select an agency: St. Matthews Police.

You can click on the gold and blue badge in the upper right-hand corner of the screen and check the box—"Show only records from this agency on map"—to see only records from the SMPD. The website has a list of FAQs that will assist the user with filtering the locations, dates, and types of crimes.



**SMPD strongly urges all St. Matthews residents to sign up for Reach Alert to be contacted in an emergency. It just might save a life.**

**Sign up online at [www.reachalert.com](http://www.reachalert.com) or by calling Reach Alert at 1-877-307-9313. A link may also be found on the City's website at [www.stmatthewsky.gov](http://www.stmatthewsky.gov).**



## Crime Buzz

### Handling panhandlers



Though everyone wants to help those in need, there are better ways to assist the homeless than to give money to panhandlers. It is not uncommon for panhandlers to use the money they collect for alcohol and drugs. Those who do need food, shelter, and other assistance may obtain that help through local social services.

While in a vehicle, do not roll down your window or engage in conversation with those standing on the side of the road panhandling. You could be liable

if a panhandler gets struck by a vehicle while coming to you for money or if someone rear-ends your stopped vehicle. Some of the ploys used by panhandlers include needing money for a sick or pregnant spouse, for gas, or for an “important” phone call. Others claim to be veterans in need of a job. Imagination is their only limitation.

If you see a panhandler, call the St. Matthews Police Department at 893-9000 as soon as possible. Give a description of the panhandler, the location, time of occurrence, and the direction of travel if the panhandler left the area. Help the police stop this fraud.

Please note that if the person has a true need, the police department will be able to direct them to the appropriate agency for assistance.

### Crime prevention

October is National Crime Prevention Month. With days getting darker earlier, be sure that security lighting is working properly. Put fresh bulbs in porch lights and yard lights.

Trim back overgrown bushes leaving a clear view to windows. Thieves look for places to enter homes where they can be hidden from view.

Check the locks on your storm door so that you have a safe barrier between you and anyone coming to your door.

Don’t welcome solicitors who knock after dusk. St. Matthews Ordinance 14-09 does not allow solicitors after 7 p.m. nor on any Sunday or national holiday.

Beware of persons posing as trick-or-treaters who may use Halloween night for criminal purposes.

## St. Matthews Baseball and Softball wraps up in October



St. Matthews Baseball and Softball, based at St. Matthews Community

Center Park, are wrapping up another successful year with league officials praising the league staff, volunteers (including coaches), and the City of St. Matthews for their roles in supporting area youths. League gratitude included the use of City

facilities and upgrades made to them. Again this year, approximately 1,000 area kids ranging in age from preschool to high school participated in the program’s various leagues. Youngsters had a chance to play and improve their athletic skills on the park’s six fields. All-star teams at every age level advanced to state tournaments with the nine-year-old all-star team reaching the multistate regional tournament. The league

hosted two post-season tournaments, staging the Babe Ruth Baseball 13-year-old district tournament and the nine-year-old Cal Ripken State Tournament.

The final games of 2017—a league for area high school freshmen and junior varsity players—runs through late October. Subsequently, planning will intensify for next year’s program leading to sign-ups in January and play resuming in April 2018.

# Your Works at Work

## Leaf collection

The St. Matthews leaf collection program begins late October and runs through mid-November. Crews will begin pickup in the areas south of US 60, Shelbyville Road, then move to the areas north of US 60, Shelbyville Road, in a west to east sweep. Dated notification signs will be posted in each area prior to pickup.

To participate in the leaf program, place piles of leaves at the edge of the front of the property or the edge of a drainage ditch. Due to safety issues, do not place leaves in the street, fill drainage ditches, or cover catch basin drains. It is important that the drainage systems not be blocked should the area receive rain during this time.

Please do not pile leaves over cement pyramids or mingle limbs and branches with the leaves. These items have damaged equipment.

Workers will make one pass through the City and a second pass if the weather permits. For a

map of the pickup areas, go to the City's website at [www.stmatthewsky.gov](http://www.stmatthewsky.gov), Services, Public Works, and



Leaf Collection. Watch for dated notification signs that will be posted in each area prior to the pickup. If your leaves are missed during pickup, contact City Hall during our regular business hours at 895-9444.

If you choose to put leaves out for regular yard waste pickup, put the leaves in paper waste sacks, certified plastic biodegradable bags, or designated cans.

Free yard waste stickers for designated cans are available at City Hall. Remember, no plastic bags will be picked up.

## Snow removal tips

The City of St. Matthews operates a comprehensive snow removal program. After any significant snowfall, all City streets are cleared as a matter of course. Naturally, the main thoroughfares come first; once they are cleared, residential streets are systematically treated.

During these times residents are asked to park vehicles off the roadway to allow snow plows and other equipment to maneuver safely and properly clear roads.

In the winter, trash cans left outside can ice up. Do not set your trash out too early, and

make sure there are lids on trash cans so they don't fill with snow. Rumpke will not pick up iced over containers or containers with garbage frozen to the can.

## Tree planting

The City will be planting trees in easement areas around St. Matthews this winter and spring. Homeowners who request a tree be planted along



a right-of-way will be responsible for the tree's maintenance. The species of tree to be planted is not the choice

of the homeowner, but is selected with the advice of an arborist. If you would like to have a tree planted in the easement area in front of your property, call City Hall at 895-9444.

## Public Works Projects

In 2017, the St. Matthews Public Works crews have focused on the following improvements:

### Completed Projects

- Corrected and restored areas of ruts and dead grass caused by snow removal
- Patched pot holes
- Removed fallen trees and storm debris

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- Removed damaged or dead trees in parks
- Improved Warwick Park ballfield
- Trimmed, landscaped, mulched, and planted throughout the City
- Purchased a stump grinder and removed over 16 stumps from rights-of-way
- Completed maintenance and checks of all irrigation systems
- Replaced street signs from Grandview to Willis Avenues
- Repaved Stonehenge Dr., Macon, and Blenheim Ct.
- Improved sidewalks on Brown Ave., Hycliffe, and Sherrin
- Replaced curb inlet and small section of a curb on Balmoral Dr.
- Repaired catch basin on Fairlawn
- Cleared vegetation from Trinity Hills ditch
- Installed speed humps on Ormond and Ridgeway (between Massie and Westport)

#### **Current Projects**

- Ditch repair in the Camelot area
- Working with MSD on a drainage project between Kentucky and Washburn
- Working with MSD to create a drainage project in Norbourne Estates to prevent runoff onto properties in St. Matthews

- Replacing street signs in the Cherrywood area north of Massie Avenue
- Improvements to City Hall and Eline Library

#### **Future Projects**

- Working with Metro to install sidewalks on Elmwood from Cherrywood to Hubbards Lane
- Design and construction of sidewalks on Massie from Ridgeway to Hubbards Lane
- Possible road widening of Primrose from Dellridge to Westport Road
- Playground improvements and restroom in Brown Park

## **Park Place**



### **Halloween in Brown Park October 28**

In today's

sometimes scary and chaotic world, everyone is looking for a safe, fun, and free

family-oriented event. So come join other young ghosts and goblins on Saturday, October 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at Brown Park on Kresge Way, adjacent to Baptist Health Hospital. Enjoy four hours of fun sponsored by the St. Matthews Chamber and the City of St. Matthews.

Families will walk along the path through the woods to collect goodies from more than 50 area businesses. The Chamber and the



City of St. Matthews will also provide games, hayrides, inflatables, entertainment, and more!

Parking is available at the Baptist Health office building located at 4700 Kresge Way across the street from the hospital.

More than 4,000 children attended this event in 2016, and another record-breaking crowd is expected this year. Where else will you find all this fun for free?

### **Light Up St. Matthews December 2**

Start off your holiday season right with hot cocoa and a picture with Santa at Light Up St. Matthews, to be held this year on Saturday, December 2, from 3–6 p.m.

The event is held at Brown Park in St. Matthews, located on Kresge Way right next to Baptist Health Hospital. Parking for the event will be at 4007

Kresge Way, a part of the Baptist Health Louisville Campus directly across from the hospital.

Besides St. Nick, the event features train rides, an ice skating rink, yummy treats, entertainment, letters to Santa, and more—and it's free!

The highlight of the event takes place at 6 p.m. when the switch is thrown that will flood the park with thousands of lights to proclaim the beginning of the holiday season.





## Season's Greetings

### St. Matthews Woman's Club



The Woman's Club of St. Matthews is currently in its 80th year, which will culminate in the spring of 2018 with a celebration recognizing its continuing efforts to promote social, charitable, educational, and cultural activities, and to foster community improvement.

All women are welcome to join the club, or attend a program, which is free, open to the public and held at the St. Matthews Community

Center, 310 Ten Pin Lane. Please note changed program times. For more information, visit the club website at WCSM.org. or contact the club president at 425-0903.

#### September 25, 11 a.m.

The Louisville Dulcimer Society (LDS) will present a brief history of the dulcimer (Kentucky's state instrument), an overview of the LDS, and a musical performance. Light refreshments will be served.

#### October 23, 10 a.m.

Make small floral arrangements to deliver to shut-ins. No experience is necessary. Supplies are provided.

#### November 27, 10 a.m.

Mr. Dean Rice, a UPS pilot, will speak about the Louisville-based United Parcel Service and international trade.

#### January 22, 10 a.m.

Community interest – specific topic to be determined.

## Alexander Hamilton Historical Society of Kentucky

The AHHS meets in the second floor meeting room of the St. Matthews-Eline Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, at 10:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Meetings are open to the public.

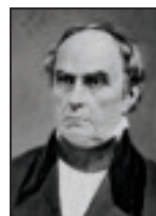
#### November 18

Hank Schildknecht, an AHHS member, will review *John Jay: Founding Father* by Walter Stahr. John Jay was a New York lawyer who coauthored *The*

*Federalist Papers* and was the first Chief Justice of the United States.

#### December 16

Scott W. Miller, AHHS board member, will review *Daniel Webster: The Man and His Time* by Robert



V. Remini. Webster was larger than life: an intellectual,

statesman, and a man of towering ambition.

#### January 20

Dr. Richard Werking, an AHHS member and retired U. S. Naval Academy professor, will review *The Idea of America: Reflections on the Birth of the United States* by Gordon S. Wood. Wood focuses on answering the question, "Why does the American Revolution remain essential?"

## Holiday Food Drive helps seniors

Senior Care Experts will hold its Annual Holiday Food Drive to collect items and donations to help seniors. From Nov. 15 to Dec. 9, donations may be dropped off at their office, 145 Thierman Lane, weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or at

their Open House on Thursday, December 7.

They will accept all nonperishable, sealed, unexpired food products, toiletry and household items, paper products, pet supplies, and blankets.

Deliveries to seniors will start

December 18, and volunteers are needed. For more details on how you can help, call 896-2316 or visit [www.srcareexperts.org](http://www.srcareexperts.org).



## Hot Off the Press

### St. Matthews Fire Chief William Seng honored

The Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs is proud to announce Chief William Seng as the 2017 KLC Career Chief of the Year. Chief Seng, a lifelong resident of St. Matthews, has been a member of St. Matthews Fire Protection District for over 30 years and has served as chief since 1992. In addition, he is a graduate of Waggener High School and the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer program.

This past year Chief Seng has worked diligently to obtain a Certificate of Need and an Ambulance License from the Kentucky Board of EMS to provide Emergency Ambulance service for the District. The primary ambulance provider had been Louisville Emergency Medical Service, but the increased demand in the area had exceeded their capacity to provide efficient service.

Seeing the need in the community, Chief Seng began the long process of obtaining a Certificate of Need. In October of 2016, The Cabinet of Health and Family Services issued a Certificate of Need to the St. Matthews Fire Protection District to operate an ALS Ambulance service.

On Dec. 9, 2016, two ambulances rolled out of St. Matthews' fire stations. One ambulance was borrowed from Louisville EMS and one from the Lexington Fire Department. They



*Fire Chief William Seng is named 2017 KLC Career Chief of the Year.*

were replaced on Feb. 24 with 2017 ambulances sporting St. Matthews Fire and Rescue detailing. The service makes about 20 runs a day, during which an average of 15 residents are transported to a hospital.

### St. Matthews Fire Protection District Update

As has been reported in the news, all government pensions are underfunded and unsustainable with the current level of contributions from governmental entities. St. Matthews Fire Protection District (SMFPD) has been notified by the state that our pension costs will increase 60.6% for all employees except office staff, which will increase by 50.47%. This left SMFPD with a dilemma: reduce the number of firefighters or increase our tax rate.

Fewer firefighters would reduce response times, decrease the

number of calls to which we can respond and limit the types of emergencies we are currently capable of handling. This option would NOT allow SMFPD to provide the same level and quality of service St. Matthews' residents have come to know and trust.

Our fire and ambulance services have been making more overdose calls due to increased drug use. Unfortunately, many of these calls, and others, come with no reimbursement. In addition, maintenance costs for our ambulances have exceeded expectations.

SMFPD's tax rate has remained the same since 2000. We have worked hard to stretch your dollars for 17 years, despite increasing costs. In order to continue providing outstanding service and meet our substantially increased pension obligation, our board has voted to increase the tax rate by \$.05. They have done so thoughtfully and with the best interest of those we serve in mind.

In closing, please note that the St. Matthews Fire Protection District is a separate taxing entity from the City of St. Matthews. City residents in the Lyndon Fire Protection District will not be affected by the tax rate increase.



## SRO Officer Troy Armstrong

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Officer Armstrong said he heard a Jefferson County School Board member suggest that SROs are not needed. "I wish that person would come walk the halls with me and see what is happening—how relationships are being built here at Waggener."

While school was out during the summer, Officer Armstrong was asked to act as Officer of Public Relations for the SMPD,

answer questions the public might have, and visited crime victims to talk to them about creating a safer living space.

When SMPD handed out citations rewarding kids wearing bicycle helmets during AAA's "I Got Caught" safety program, Officer Armstrong wondered what this was doing for kids without helmets. He solicited a sponsor to donate 100 helmets, which were given

away during the campaign.

Officer Armstrong was also instrumental in organizing SMPD's first "National Night Out" on August 1, where lots of give-aways for kids, including two bicycles, helped connect the police with the community.

"I think I'm just naturally drawn to kids," he said. Thus, even though he is in a school all day, Officer

Armstrong also participates in SMPD's Adopt-A-School program, where patrol officers visit area schools to get to know the staff and students.

It's not surprising that Officer Armstrong chose St. Matthews Elementary as his adopted

school. His wife is a first grade teacher there. When his wife tells him her students have made good choices, he may take doughnuts to the class as a reward. "I hear the students say, 'There's Mrs. Armstrong's husband,' and I know they are not just identifying me as a policeman, but as the teacher's husband, connected to their school. Most people only come into contact with police if they are a victim, a witness, or a suspect. This gives kids a different perspective at a young age."

Officer Armstrong continued, "Former SMPD Chief Mayer said having a police presence in schools is important because it makes the teachers feel safe to teach and the students feel safe to learn. I'm there for the students—not because they commit a lot of crimes, but to keep them safe."

Officer Armstrong is back in the halls of Waggener this fall, making it a point to speak to students who won't make eye contact with him. With any luck, lives are being changed one student at a time.



*SRO Armstrong confers with the principal of Waggener High School, Dr. Sarah Hitchings.*

a position he hopes will be made full-time. During that time, he held neighborhood watch meetings to encourage neighbors to help protect one another, attended City Council meetings to be on hand to

## Eline Library: Check it out

The St. Matthews Library has many exciting children's programs planned for the upcoming months, including the return of our popular

Nutcracker Storytime, as well as our monthly Dance Party and Animated Storytime events. Please call 574-1771 for more information. Also,



please note that there will be no Storytime on the following dates: November 22–23 and December 20, 21, and 27–28.



## Good Neighboring

### Street lights

As the days start getting darker earlier, working street lights are especially



important for kids crossing streets and waiting on corners for school buses. To report an out-of-service street light or one that burns all day, telephone the Call St. Matthews line: 638-4STM (4786) and select option 2, then option 4.

Residents desiring street lights on their residential block should provide the City with a petition reflecting the signatures of 51% of the property owners in the proposed installation area. Submit the petition to the City Clerk at St. Matthews City Hall, located at 3940 Grandview Ave, third floor, during regular business hours.

### Sidewalks

Sidewalks are built for the use of pedestrians. When they are

blocked, pedestrians are forced to walk in the street or on someone's private property. Neither cars nor motorcycles should be parked, either partially or fully, on sidewalks or in such a way that blocks a sidewalk from use. Likewise, debris should not be stacked on sidewalks. To request a sidewalk be built or to report a damaged sidewalk, access the Call St. Matthews service line at 498-2255 and select option 3.

## Code Words

Watching squirrels stockpile nuts to prepare for the winter reminds us that now is the time to store our campers, boats, and trailers. Section 78.09 of the City Code explains what is allowed when storing such vehicles.

This is also a good time to make sure any inoperable vehicles are removed before the winter months.



Codes regarding abandoned or inoperable vehicles are found in Section 90: "The accumulation and storage of one or more of such abandoned or junked

vehicles as defined in 90.01 on private property shall be deemed a

nuisance." If you are in doubt whether your vehicle falls into this category, check out Code 90.01.

To read these codes in their entirety, go to [stmatthewsky.gov](http://stmatthewsky.gov), the Government tab, drop down to "Ordinances," and click on the link at the bottom of the page. Then look for Titles VII and IX.

## Hometown History - 2017

### THEN

*The photo dated 1940 shows men in front of the St. Matthews Fire Department. From left to right, the men in trucks and standing are: John Feierabend, Captain John Monohan, Chief Raymond Bud Young, Asst. Chief Henry Monohan, William Leitsch, Richard Heardt, Lt. Marty Kamer, George Wurster and Bernard Handele.*

### NOW

*The location of the St. Matthews Fire Department in 1940 is found today at 117 Breckenridge Lane.*



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#### City Council

Bernard Bowling

Frank Flynn

Tim Holland

Shaun McKiernan

Stuart Monohan

Mary Jo Nay

Tony Weiter

Patrick Wissing

City Council meetings begin at 7 p.m.  
on the second and fourth Tuesday of  
each month.

City Council meeting minutes are  
online at [www.stmatthewsky.gov](http://www.stmatthewsky.gov).

### REACH ALERT

To receive emergency and/or  
community service notifications  
through St. Matthews' Reach Alert  
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[www.reachalert.com](http://www.reachalert.com) or call  
1-877-307-9313.

### Need to know?

Call St. Matthews

Automated Service

24/7 Information Line

**638-4STM (4786)**

Administration Press 1

Services Press 2

News Press 3

Police Press 4

### Government Access

City Hall Office: 895-9444

Code Enforcement: 899-2512

Police Department: 893-9000

City Engineer: 899-2518

Public Works: 899-2517

Property Taxes: 899-2511

Police Records: 899-2537

### Anonymous Tip Line:

**498-CLUE**

**(2583)**

**Emergency: 911**